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REMARKS

Claim 42 stands rejected for statutory-type double patenting over claim 36 of U.S. Patent No. 6,247,998. Claim 42 has been canceled.

Claim 44 stands rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,010,538 ("Sun"). Claim 44 has also been canceled.

Claims 1-23, 34, 36-41, 43, 45 and 55-58 are allowed.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that the Information Disclosure Statements filed on September 19, 2001 and February 3, 2003 have been received. However, Applicant did not receive an initialed copy of the Forms-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner return initialed copies of each Form-1449 to indicate that the references have been considered.